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Letter dated 31 March 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to draw your attention to the statement issued on 29 March 2000 by the Presidency of the European Union, on behalf of the European Union, concerning the presidential election that took place in Senegal on 19 March 2000 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

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Statement issued on 29 March 2000 by the Presidency of the European Union on behalf of the European Union on the presidential elections in Senegal held on 19 March 2000

The European Union commends the free, fair and transparent way the Senegalese presidential elections were held, confirming in full the vitality of the pluralistic democracy in Senegal.

The European Union congratulates the Senegalese people on the peaceful and orderly manner in which they participated in the elections and encourages them to continue to display the same spirit of dialogue, understanding and tolerance in the new phase of the political life of their country.

The European Union also congratulates the Senegalese authorities for their dedication to the strengthening of democracy and political pluralism in Senegal and continues to be ready to assist them in their efforts to further enhance the development and well-being of the country, for the benefit of all the Senegalese people.

The Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union, the associated countries Cyprus, Malta and Turkey, and the European Free Trade Association countries, members of the European Economic Area align themselves with this statement.